(b) in what manner the specialists' fees, including charges for laboratory-tests, X-Ray, ECG screening and dental care are to be reimbursed to the employees; and

(c) if the answere to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and what other action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MI. NISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) l_n addition to O.P.D. facilities, medical Specialists like cardiologist orthopaedican, eye-specialists, EN.T., etc. are also avail, able in the World University Services Health Centre (W.U.S.) of the University of Delhi. The University has also empannelled Private Medical Practitioners under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 for the benefit of University employees who are not members of the WUS Health Centre. These Medical Practitioners can refer patients to the Specialists in Government Hospitals o_r Hospitals approved by the Delhi Administration. Reimbursement of fees for laboratory tests and cost of medicines prescribed bv Specialists in the above Hospitals is permissible under the aforesaid Rules.

Saturated fat consumption and the resultant hecrt diseases

1866 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI-WT1 the Minister of. HEALTH ANT> FAMILY WELFARE be pleased *J-* to state:

f^) whether Government are aware the worlfj wide concern about consumption of saturated fat hv h"man being and the resultant heart diseases;

bif so . this ' is Government's policy regarding the usage of vanas. pati or hydrogenated oil in the country and what are the views of the nutritional authorities in this regard;

(c) whether Government are monitoring the saturated fat content of the cooking oils being imported and distributed all over the country, if so, what are the detail^ thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is important to have a proper balance of saturated fatty acids and poly unsaturated -fatty acids so a_s to mintain a healthy cardio vascular system. The level of eonsump. tion of vanaspati in the country is quite low—about 1.2 kg. to 1.3 kg. per capita per annum. At this low level of consumption, its effect on the health of the people is unlikely to b_e significant enough. As a matter of policy, the Government is not encouraging setting up of new vanaspati industry except under special situations.

(c) According to Sections 6(1) and (2) of PFA Act, 1954, Custom authorities allow import of edible oils, if it conforms to standards laid down under PFA Rules.

Indigenous production of Radio Cobalt Therapy

1867. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio thereapy is an accepted procedure for treatment Of Cancer;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce cobalt therapy sources within the country and what is the power of these sources ^l--eady in production and likely be in production in the next two to three yeers; and

(c) whether any indigenous pro gramme for' the production *nf* -arfifi therapy units, is under consideration, if so so the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhabh$_a$ Atomic Research Centre, Bombay is producing indigenously radio-active materials like cobalt, Caesium-137, IODINE-131, Phosphorus-32, Technicium-99 etc. and the Centre is meeting the entire requirement of the country.

(c) At present cobalt tele.therapy units are not being produced in this country. However, a letter of Indent has been issued to M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd. in October, 1987 for the manufacture of cobalt tele-therapy simulators and accessories.

Supply of radio-therapy equipment to India

1368. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND , FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to etate:

(a) whether it is a fact that a num. ber of countries are supplying radiotherapy equipment to India;

(b) if so, what-are tha names of those countries and the extent to which equipment from those countries is being used in this country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that quite a number of radio-therapy units, wiiich were fabricated in India seve ral years ago, are lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad work manship; if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remedy the. situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMIL"^{r} WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The import of Cobalt Therapy Unit j' eovered under Open General Licence and hospitals and institutions do not have to approach the Government for permission to import them Therefore, the, details of countries from which they are imported etc., are not available.

(c) The Government is not aware of any radio-therapy units fabricated in India lying unutilized or underutilized because of bad workmanship.

Applications for installation of Radio Therapy Units

1869. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standing Committee on Radio therapy had met recently to consider the applications from various medical institutions to instal radio therapy units;

(b) what are the details of each ap. plication approved by th$_e$ Committee and of those which are still pending;

(c) whether Government propose to consider fixing a time limit for taking decision on the applications for radio-therapy in view of the need of this equipment to treat cancer patients; and

(d) whether Government also pro, pose to increase the amount of grant/ subsidy to various recognised medical institutions setting up radio-therapy units in view of the rising costs of both the equipment and the infrastruc, tural facilities and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b/ Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee on Tele-Therapy Units met on the 26th July, 1988 and considered all the 23 applications received. The Committee approved the applications received